

HOUSE RESOLUTION 222

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Arvetta McClardy upon being named a fellow in the National African-American Women's Leadership Institute Class of 2006.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to recognize those venerable public servants who have dedicated themselves to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arvetta McClardy is one such estimable person who was recently named a fellow in the National African-American Women's Leadership Institute (NAAWLI) Class of 2006; and

WHEREAS, launched in 2000, this prestigious award is bestowed on emerging women leaders committed to bringing about constructive change in their communities; through NAAWLI, women discover their leadership talents and learn how to facilitate their personal growth and career development; and

WHEREAS, a native of Detroit, Arvetta McClardy is the daughter of Ethel Watkins, and the late Arthur Watkins, Sr.; she graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in computer information systems; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McClardy currently serves with acumen and alacrity as a Fire Claim Section Manager at State Farm Insurance Company, located at the Murfreesboro Operations Center, where she is responsible for staffing, training, and development of claims personnel in Kentucky and Tennessee; a Continuous Renewal Group Team Leader (CRG) for State Farm, she has received the designation of Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU); and

WHEREAS, Ms. McClardy began her State Farm career as a Fire Claim Adjuster in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and later worked in several Ohio cities, advancing through the ranks as Fire Claim Reinspector and Trainer, Claim Supervisor, and Claim Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Leadership and Personal Development course, Ms. McClardy takes pride in developing the talents of those around her and creating high-performing environments; she is an active participant in mentoring, believing that individuals, when working together, can make a discernible difference; and

WHEREAS, Arvetta McClardy is a past Regional Advisory Board Member of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), the Coordinator for the Midwest Regional Black Family Reunion and the 2006 Class Historian for NAAWLI; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. McClardy has twice been recognized as an Outstanding Young American; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of her church, Arvetta McClardy faithfully serves her congregation and community as a leader in the prison ministry and as a Bible class instructor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McClardy is most grateful for the love and support of her husband, Mike, and their three very talented and active children, Shaun, Derek, and adopted niece, Ebony; she enjoys cheerleading at their basketball, baseball, track, and football games, band competitions, and musical performances; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McClardy's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Arvetta McClardy is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, for her many contributions to her profession and her community, Ms. McClardy is wholly deserving of recognition by NAAWLI, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate Arvetta McClardy upon being named a fellow in the National African-American Women's Leadership Institute Class of 2006, commend her for her laudable and astute service

to the good people of Tennessee, honor her myriad accomplishments, and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.